

FACT SHEET FOR NPDES PERMIT WA 000346-8

Whidbey Island Naval Air Station
Ault Field Wastewater Treatment Plant
October 21, 1996

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Clean Water Act (FCWA, 1972, and later modifications, 1977, 1981, and 1987) established water quality goals for the navigable (surface) waters of the United States. One of the mechanisms for achieving the goals of the Clean Water Act is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System of permits (NPDES permits), which is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA has delegated responsibility to administer the NPDES permit program to the State of Washington on the basis of chapter 90.48 RCW which defines the Department of Ecology's authority and obligations in administering the wastewater discharge permit program. However, EPA is proposing to reissue this permit because the state has not yet begun regulating federal facilities in Washington per the delegation agreement. The permit covers both the wastewater discharge and sludge disposal.

After the public comment period has closed, EPA will summarize the substantive comments and respond to each comment. The summary and response to comments will become part of the file on the permit and parties submitting comments will receive a copy of the response. The fact sheet will not be revised.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: U.S. Department of Defense
Department of the Navy
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
Oak Harbor, Washington 98278-5000

Facility Name: Ault Field Wastewater Treatment Plant

Type of Facility: Secondary Treatment of Domestic Wastewater
Sludge Storage Lagoon

Discharge Location: Rosario Strait, Puget Sound
Latitude: 48° 22' 38" N.
Longitude: 122 ° 40' 22" W.

Sludge Storage Location: Ault Field Sewage Treatment Lagoon, Oak Harbor
Latitude: 48 ° 21' 25" N
Longitude: 122 ° 40' 05" W

BACKGROUND INFORMATION